

OER, Copyright, & Faculty

ARE ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS QUALIFIED TO SUPPORT THIS TRIPTYCH?



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Librarians as leaders of open

ALA Code of Ethics IV:

We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.



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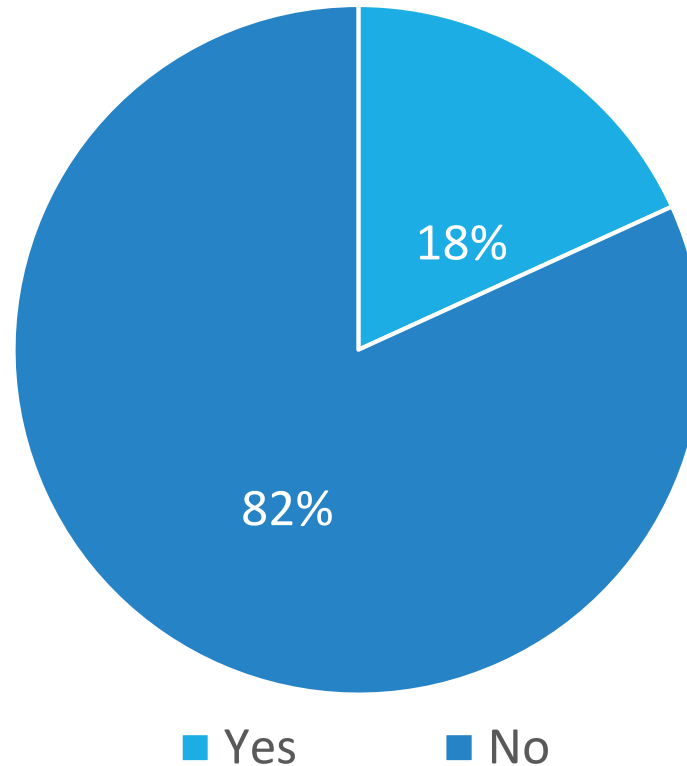
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Required MLIS foundational courses that cover copyright/intellectual property



University of Pittsburgh



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THE UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS
AT AUSTIN

(top 10 ranked programs)

BIG initiatives – BIG expectations - little support.

Initiative

Faculty

Librarians

?



[Photograph](#) from Katherine Hobson photograph album

Boy, would I hate to be her!
– oh wait 😏

Librarian: *“Okay, let’s make some attributions:
where did you get this image?”*



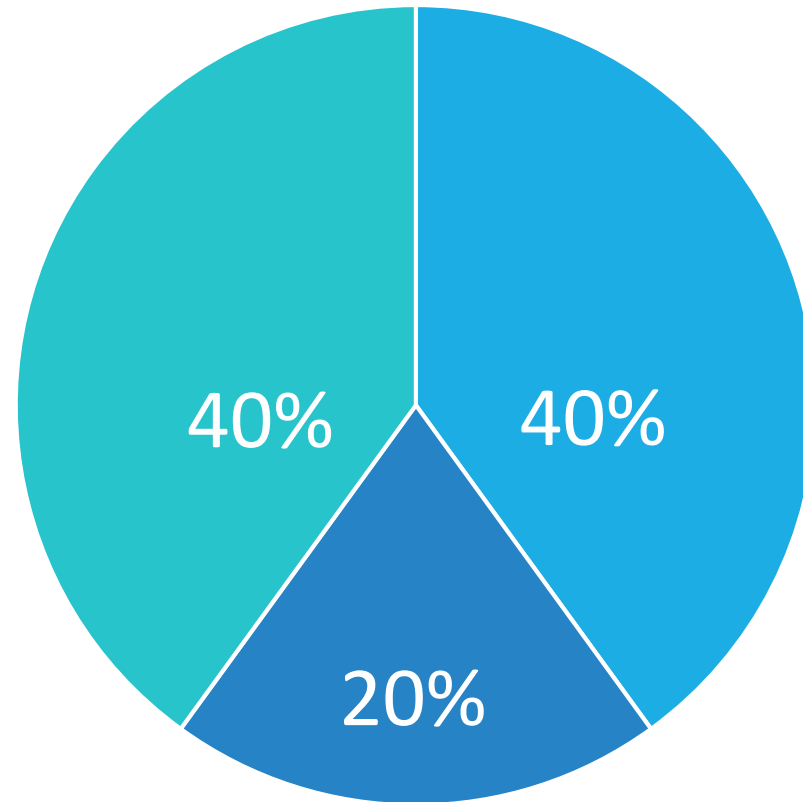
Faculty Member: *“Oh, I have no idea.”*



Copyright Policy:

Does your institution have one?

Rhode Island HEI with Copyright Policies



■ Institutional ■ Library ■ Neither

Why does this matter?

- We are librarians – *not* lawyers
- Vague guidelines and institutional support
- Cannot take advantage of the TEACH Act

Job descriptions – are they keeping up?

- “Other duties as assigned”
- Complicates review, tenure & promotion processes
- Harder to justify professional development



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Takeaways

- Seek professional development – CopyrightX, *Copyright for Academic Librarians and Professionals*
- Abide by your Institutional Copyright Policy, or advocate for one
- Familiarize yourself with the law
- Distinguish between *librarian* and *lawyer*

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